Amendment to the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended paragraph:

A method and system [[(10)]] for re-learning a previously programmed, authenticated key. ~~(24) is provided. In one embodiment, the~~ The system [[(10)]] includes an electronic control module (ECM) [[(22)]] and a key. ~~(24) for use with the ECM (22).~~ The method begins when the ECM [[(22)]] fails to match an identification code (ID) of the key [[(24)]] with all active or disabled IDs that are stored within the ECM. [[(22).]] Thereafter, the ECM [[(22)]] sends a signal to the key [[(24)]] by encryption with a default secret code. If the key [[(24)]] does not respond to this signal, then the ECM [[(22)]] sends a signal to the ~~previously programmed~~ key [[(24)]] by encryption with one of a series of unique secret codes. ~~stored within the ECM's memory (28).~~ The key [[(24)]] receives this signal and then transmits an encrypted valid response signal to the ECM. [[(22).]] The ECM [[(22)]] extracts a key password from the encrypted valid response signal and compares this key password to a module password. ~~, which is stored within the ECM (22).~~ Thereafter, the ECM [[(22)]] determines that the passwords are identical and the ECM [[(22)]] stores the key ID. ~~identification code.~~